Fish Landing Centres in Coastal States

1534. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish more fish landing centres in the coastal States;

(b) if so, the locations identified for the purpose; and

(c) the assistance proposed to be extended to these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). There is an ongoing centrally sponsored plan scheme for providing landing and berthing facilities for fishing craft at minor fishery harbours and fish landing centres. Proposals for fish landing centres are made by State Governments/Union Territories. Locations are also identified by State Governments/ Union Territories. Locations are also identified by State Government. The Central Government consider such proposals, as and when received, on the basis of techno-economic feasibility and within the overall budget outlay.

Wool Trade as an Agro-based Industry

1535. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal to declare wool trade as an agro-based industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives being provided to promote this trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C.LENKA): (a) No such proposal has been received in the Ministry of Agriculture.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry of Agriculture, financial assistance is provided to State Wool Boards/Corporations/Federations to strengthen their marketing activities.

Agricultural Production

1536. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHRI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified some districts in the country for boosting agricultural production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives proposed to be provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The State-wise details of districts identified, under different Crop-Production oriented Centrally Sponsored Schemes for boosting agricultural production and the incentives provided under these schemes are given in the enclosed statement.